

Introduced by Senator Hancock

February 21, 2014

An act to amend Section 1501 of the Health and Safety Code, relating to community care facilities.

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SB 1352, as introduced, Hancock. Community care facilities: legislative intent.

Existing law establishes the Community Care Facilities Act, which provides for the licensure and regulation of community care facilities, as defined, by the State Department of Social Services. The act declares that it is the intent of the state to develop policies and programs designed to provide adequate service to, and protect the rights of, persons who receive services from a community care facility.

This bill would make technical, nonsubstantive changes to this provision.

Vote: majority. Appropriation: no. Fiscal committee: no.
State-mandated local program: no.

The people of the State of California do enact as follows:

- 1 SECTION 1. Section 1501 of the Health and Safety Code is
- 2 amended to read:
- 3 1501. (a) The Legislature hereby finds and declares that there
- 4 is an urgent need to establish a coordinated and comprehensive
- 5 statewide service system of quality community care for mentally
- 6 ill, developmentally and physically disabled, and children and
- 7 adults who require care or services by a facility or organization
- 8 issued a license or special permit pursuant to this chapter.

1 (b) Therefore, the Legislature declares it is the intent of the
2 state to develop policies and programs designed to: (1)~~insure~~
3 *ensure* a level of care and services in the community~~which that~~
4 is equal to or better than that provided by the state hospitals; (2)
5 assure that all people who require them are provided with the
6 appropriate range of social rehabilitative, habilitative and treatment
7 services, including residential and nonresidential programs tailored
8 to their needs; (3) protect the legal and human rights of a person
9 in or receiving services from a community care facility; (4)~~insure~~
10 *ensure* continuity of care between the medical-health elements and
11 the supportive care-rehabilitation elements of California's health
12 systems; (5)~~insure~~ *ensure* that facilities providing community care
13 are adequate, safe and sanitary; (6) assure that rehabilitative and
14 treatment services are provided at a reasonable cost; (7) assure
15 that state payments for community care services are based on a
16 flexible rate schedule varying according to type and cost of care
17 and services provided; (8) encourage the utilization of personnel
18 from state hospitals and the development of training programs to
19 improve the quality of staff in community care facilities; and (9)
20 ~~insure~~ *ensure* the quality of community care facilities by evaluating
21 the care and services provided and furnishing incentives to upgrade
22 their quality.